

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0019] as follows:

[0014]

The present invention also provides a method for evaluating a disease or a pathological condition of a human, characterized by comprising selectively assaying one or two of the above four types of adiponectin derived from the human blood by the differentiation from the ~~remainder of adiponectin~~ other adiponectins and immunoassaying the target adiponectin multimer(s), through use of a protease and/or an antibody, and obtaining information about the disease or the pathological condition on the basis of the results of the selectively assay.